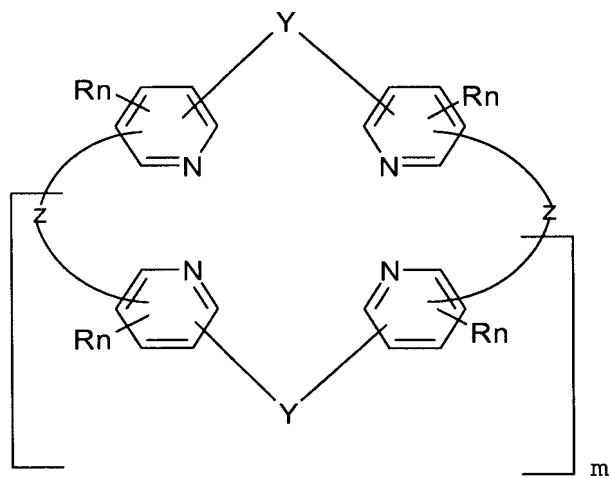


**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Amend the specification as follows.

Page 2, delete the paragraphs spanning lines 4-23 and insert the following therefor:

The invention thus relates to the use of nitrogeneous polycyclic derivatives for preparing drugs for treating neurodegenerative diseases, said derivatives having formula (I)



wherein

- m = 1, 2 or 3

- Rn is anyone of R1, R2, R3 and R4, which are identical or different and represent H or represent one or several radicals and are selected in the group comprising  $[-]OH$ , an alkyl radical,  $[-]O-alkyl$  group,  $[-]NH_2$ ,  $[-]NH-alkyl$ ,  $[-]N(R5, R6)$ , or an halogen selected in the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, the alkyl being in said radical or groups, a C1-C6 alkyl, or an halogen selected between the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, R5 and R6 being a C1-C3 alkyl group,

- Y

- forms a phenyl group with both pyridines, optionally ortho-substituted by a substituent  $[[R5]] R7$ , or ortho-disubstituted by  $R5$  and  $R6$   $R7$  and  $R8$ , said substituents being identical or different, and selected in the group comprising an alkyl radical,  $[-]O$ -alkyl group,  $[-]NH_2$ ,  $[-]NH$ -alkyl,  $[-]N(R5, R6)$ , or an halogen selected between the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, the alkyl being in said radical or groups a C1-C6 alkyl, or an halogen selected between the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, and R<sub>5</sub> and R<sub>6</sub> are as above defined

or

Page 3, delete the paragraphs spanning lines 1-10 and insert the following therefor:

- represents a group  $-(CH_2)_{m1}-W-(CH_2)_{m2-}$ , with  $m1$  and  $m2$  being 0, 1 or 2 $[[.]]$  and  $W$  being a group  $[-]CH_2$ ,  $-CH(R7)CH(R9)$ ,  $O$ , or  $N(R8, R9)$ ,  $R7, R8$  and  $R9$ , identical or different,  $N(R10)$ ,  $R9$  and  $R10$  being a C1-C3 alkyl radical, or  $H$ ,

-  $Z$  is a linking arm of formula  $-A-(CH_2)_n-U-(CH_2)_{n1}-A-[[.]]$

- $A$  being  $O$  or  $NH$ , and
- $U$  being selected in the group comprising  $[-] (CH_2)_{n1}[-]$ ,  $-N(R1, R2)$ ,  $-COOH$ ,  $-OH$ ,  $CHN(R5, R6)$ ,  $CHCOOH$ ,  $CHOH$

with  $n$  being a number from  $[[2]]$  1 to 6, preferably from 2 to 4, and  $n1$  being 0 or 1,